

Remarks

This application is currently on appeal and the Examiner has filed his Answer to Appellant's Brief. However, Claims 4 and 7 have been found to be allowable if placed in independent form. The Examiner indicated by telephone that he would consider an amendment to this application at this time that would alter the language of the claims to place it in condition for allowance.

The only rejections in this application are over one of the Applicant's prior patents, U.S. Patent No. 4,979,572. The Examiner contended that the inner tube of header 26 in that patent met the claimed subject matter of Applicant's unallowed claims, but Applicant failed to understand the Examiner's position until it was clarified in the Examiner's answer.

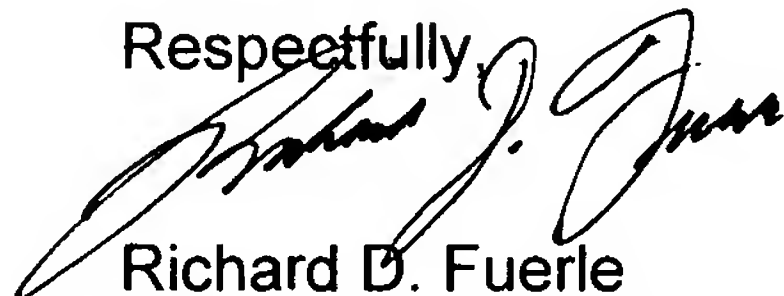
Applicant has therefore amended Claim 1 to make it clear that the elongated single piece has two ends, one of which stops the spring and the other of which has means for attaching a cable box. The inner tube of header 26 in the prior patent discloses neither of those features.

In addition, Applicant has amended independent Claim 17 so that it now consists of previously presented Claim 1 plus the subject matter of allowable Claim 4, thereby placing Claim 4 in independent form. Applicant has also amended independent Claim 20 so that it now consists of previously presented Claim 20 plus the subject matter of allowable Claim 7, thereby placing Claim 7 in independent form.

Applicant believes that all of the claims should now be allowable. If the

Examiner does not agree or believes that other changes in Claim 1 are needed to place the application in condition for allowance, he is invited to call Applicant's attorney at 716-774-0091.

Respectfully,



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